No. G. 15610—*P. P.* 6-19-193, *dated 9th January* 1920.

MEMORANDUM.

The following Press Communique regarding the future policy of Government on the Food Situation is published for general information:—

Reports received from several parts of the State show that there is a general impression prevalent that the Government will shortly remove the existing restrictions on the export of food grains and that merchants are attempting to buy up the newly harvested crops at very high prices in the expectation of being allowed to export them or of otherwise profiteering on them. The Government desire to make it widely known that control will be maintained over the crop recently harvested and that they have no intention at present of withdrawing the restrictions on the export of paddy, rice, ragi and jola until normal conditions are restored. The control over horsegram will also be re-introduced at once. Not only will exports by rail be controlled by priority certificates, but frontier ookads and frontier police patrol staffs will be continued wherever necessary.

In view of the present seasonal conditions and of the satisfactory outturn of the crops now being harvested, and in the expectation that stocks would come freely into the market and that prices would go down, Government considered it unnecessary to continue the sale of food grains through Government agency, and ordered the closure of the Government Depots in the moffussil with effect from the 1st January 1920. It is now reported that stocks are being held back from the market and prices are being forced up. The Government desire to make it known that they will take all measures necessary, for keeping up sufficient supplies of food grains in the market by commandeering where necessary and for preventing profiteering, under the powers vested in them by the Defence of India Regulation Sales will be organised through Co-operative Societies as far as possible and the depots will be continued wherever necessary.

By Order,
C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

MUZRAI.

No. 2071—*Muz.* 210-19-2, *dated 12th January* 1920.

In modification of Government Notification No. 2194—Muz. 452-11-7, dated 21st May 1913, the Vice-President of the Mysore City Municipality is appointed *ex-officio* member of the Committee of management for the Nanjaraja Bahadur Chattram at Mysore, in the place of the Honorary President of the said Municipal Council.

By Order,
T. E. JEYARAMA IYER,
Secretary to Government,
Muzrai Department.